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Dear Professor Ehrenberg:

Your letter of October 16th has been forwarded to me in New York. I imagine the newspaper article that you read in Bangladesh must have referred to an advisory committee for the establishment of a new federal Institute for Scientific and Technological Cooperation. I did not play any very large role in this although of course I gave it my enthusiastic support.

At the present time, this institute is still in the process of legislative approval; and in particular the question of its initial funding remains quite uncertain. This picture changes from day to day and it is difficult for me to give you an up-to-date view of its prospects. If you require further information I believe it would not be difficult for you to get this through the Science Attache at the U.S. Embassy or the U.S. Information Agency Office in Stockholm. Science Magazine has also issued a few news reports from time to time tracking the development of the institute.

The basic motive for this new organization is to broaden the range of U.S. efforts in the organization and funding of scientific and technical inputs into international development. During our discussion particular emphasis was placed on the need for these activities to be truly cooperative. In that way perhaps there is some possibility of avoiding the Babel syndrome that is so appropriately pictured in the cartoon that you sent me. Another aspect of this organizational development, which I strongly favor, is the more vital involvement of the

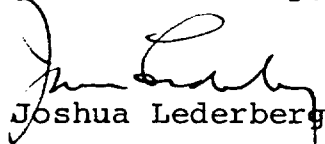
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"middle tier" countries both as areas for the effective demonstration of the role of technological insight, and also to help all of the parties understand the most efficient means of connecting the resources of the rich with the poor countries.

You may be interested that Dr. Nyle Brady, recently director of the Rice Research Institute in Manila, has been nominated as the director of ISTC.

Yours sincerely,



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